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INFO AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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TAGS: CPRS, NU

SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF US FISHING VESSEL "SUGAR DADDY"

REF: A. MANAGUA 1654 B. MANAGUA 1618

1. THIS TELEGRAM GIVES YOU OUR CURRENT THOUGHTS AND REQUESTS CERTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THE ISSUES RAISED SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED AT THIS TIME WITH GON EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY INDICATED.

2. IF "SUGAR DADDY" DOES IN FACT HAVE VALID HONDURAN REGISTRY PAPERS (PARA 1(C), REF A) WE WOULD NOT REPEAT
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NOT WISH YOU TO ADVISE GON THAT BOAT IS US VESSEL UNDER

INTERNATIONAL LAW. IT MAY BE THAT US LAW HAS BEEN VIOLATED THROUGH UNAUTHORIZED TRANSFER OF US VESSEL TO FOREIGN REGISTRY, MAKING OWNER LIABLE FOR PENALTIES UNDER US LAW. IN ANY EVENT, WE WOULD NOT WISH TO TAKE THE POSITION THAT GON AUTHORITIES BY SEIZING VESSEL FLYING NO FLAG AND CARRYING HONDURAS REGISTRY PAPERS, HAVE SEIZED VESSEL CONSIDERED TO BE US VESSEL UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW (OR NECESSARILY, UNDER FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT OR FISHERMEN'S PROTECTIVE ACT). HOWEVER A NUMBER OF FACTS STILL UNKNOWN AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS AND THOSE OF EMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA IN RESOLVING THEM.

3. PLEASE POUCH COPIES OF DOCUMENTS ASAP. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN KNOWING EXACTLY WHAT HONDURAN DOCUMENTS WERE CARRIED, WHETHER THEY ARE CURRENTLY VALID, AND WHEN SUCH DOCUMENTS WERE FIRST PRESENTED TO GON AUTHORITIES.

4. EVEN IF IT IS ULTIMATELY DETERMINED THAT "SUGAR DADDY" IS NOT CONSIDERED US VESSEL FOR PURPOSES OF FMSA OR FPA, IF US CITIZEN HAS BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP WE MAY STILL WISH TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE VIS A VIS GON ON THAT BASIS. KISSINGER

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